

A Guide to the Thomas Wolfe Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Collection Number

6348-g

Language

English

Extent

5 items

Repository

University of Virginia. Library. Special Collections Dept.

Alderman Library
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903
USA

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open to research.

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Item Listing

Scrapbooks

Scrapbook, composed by Helen Trafford Moore

Unit Date ca. 1900-1957

Extent

Scrapbook,
73 l.

Scope and Content

[Includes newspaper clippings, postcards, and photos regarding Asheville, North Carolina and Thomas Wolfe; includes wallpaper from Wolfe's birthplace and postcards to Moore from Mabel Wolfe Wheaton and Fred Wolfe and Mary Wolfe.] (Bound in red imitation leather with gilt decoration)

Scrapbook, composed by Helen Trafford Moore

Unit Date ca. 1880-1955

Extent

Scrapbook,
90 l.

Scope and Content

[Includes maps of Western North Carolina, newspaper clippings and postcards regarding Asheville, North Carolina, clippings, postcards, from Moore's travels, clippings regarding Thomas Wolfe from The New York Times and Asheville Citizen Times, clipping of a poem about Wolfe by Dr. Willis A. Parker, clippings announcing deaths of Aline Bernstein and Sinclair Lewis, letters from Maxwell Perkins, and copies of Wolfe's letters.] (Bound in brown imitation leather with gilt decoration)

Letters

Thomas Wolfe, Harvard Club, to Mabel Wolfe Wheaton

Unit Date 1929 Jan 5

Extent

TL (copy),
4 p.

Scope and Content

[Sends New Year's wishes; talks about his work, plans, visit of his English publisher; discusses outrage Look Homeward, Angel has caused in Asheville; thinks far too many copies have been sold in Asheville where maybe a dozen people would have understood and appreciated the book; suggests easier, familiar reading to some people in Asheville who read maybe 2 books a year; feels like an exile, but will continue writing.]

Helen Trafford Moore, Portland, Maine, to Thomas Wolfe

Unit Date 1935 May 5

Extent

TLS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Praises *Of Time and the River*; says she was the first person in Portland to buy the book, a first edition; talks about spring in Maine and Mackworth Island, the most perfect place she ever saw.]

Thomas Wolfe, Providence Hospital, Seattle, to Maxwell Perkins, New York

Unit Date 1938 Aug 12

Extent

TL (copy),
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Sneaks letter out against doctor's orders; says he has a hunch about his approaching death; reminisces about the 4th of July, 3 years ago, when Perkins picked him up from the boat in New York and they had a drink; says he has since thought of Perkins a thousand times; wants to see him again; speculates on himself should he survive illness; says he is certainly deeper and wiser and would try to be a better